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FANWOOD

The usual quietness of vacation periods pervading over the school grounds for the past two weeks, ended Sunday evening, January 5th, when the boys returned. Many a happy tale was exchanged about the good things and times enjoyed during their holidays. Monday morning found all in readiness for the school sessions, and the second term of the year started in earnest.

During the holidays there was a variety of weather to suit all. After a warm spell there was a cold snap for several days, followed by a snow-storm, which in turn was washed away by copious rains a couple of days later. However, as if to begin all over, a clean blanket of snow was laid again Monday afternoon.

Superintendent Skyberg and family remained in New York during the Christmas vacation. Young Alfred was suffering from a succession of mild colds which made a trip to the country inadvisable. Mr. and Mrs. Skyberg spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Eglinton of St. Albans, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Benning spent Christmas week in Washington, D. C., enjoying the first white Christmas that city had had for several years. From there they traveled to Mr. Benning's old home in New Baltimore, Penna., where the mountains are high and the snow was deep. The snow was so deep that it took over two hours to go the last half-mile from the State highway to the house. After enjoying four days of real winter weather at the farm they started over the ice-covered mountains for New York, stopping in Philadelphia for the last week-end of a delightful vacation.

Mr. Tucker was with his family in Fulton, Mo. Fulton is the home of teachers of the deaf from all over the United States, and he enjoyed visiting with them very much. He made the trip by car and was accompanied by friends and also by plenty of snow and cold weather. Driving through the mountains was not only slow, but very dangerous, and Mr. Tucker expects to make his winter trips in the future by train.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Grubert spent an enjoyable Christmas eve in New York City. On Christmas night Mr. Grubert motored to Westfield, Mass., to spend several days at the home of his parents. Mrs. Grubert made a trip to Fond du Lac, Wis., the home of her parents.

Miss Peck visited the Foxes in Caldwell, her mother in Brooklyn, and her brother in Bronxville. It was all very delightful to her and she enjoyed every minute of the vacation.

Mr. Dozier spent the holidays down in Stanford, Ky., and experienced the worst blizzard in years—an eight-inch snow and sub-zero weather all during Christmas week.

Philadelphia friends spent a week with Misses Otis and Cornell. On Christmas Day another party of friends was entertained by them.

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Miss Dolph was with relatives and friends in Schenectady, N. Y. Mrs. Goodell entertained for Miss Dolph on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Stockbower remained in the city for the holidays, entertaining her son and his wife from Southwick, Mass.

Mr. W. A. Renner spent a couple of days in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Morrill went home in North Carolina, where the worst snowstorm in seventeen years was experienced there.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks spent their Christmas vacation at the homes of their parents in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Clarke spent a quiet vacation with Mrs. Clarke at her parents' home at New Britain, Conn.

Miss Gaffney was home in Trenton, N. J., with her mother.

Miss Muirhead spent a few days in Hempstead, L. I., and the latter part in Allendale, N. J., with her sisters.

On Friday, January 3rd, Mr and Mrs. Skyberg took part in the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing, and on Saturday evening, January 4th, they also participated in the Fiftieth Jubilee of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League. Superintendent Skyberg is one of the three living honorary members of this organization and was one of the speakers at the Jubilee Dinner.

On Saturday afternoon, January 4th, the Visiting Committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of Mr. John S. Rogers, Chairman, Mr. Bronson Winthrop and Mr. Philip Hiss, made an inspection of the School plant. All the new vocational classrooms were visited, likewise the dormitories, dining-room and old Chapel. The absence of our pupils and staff, still away on vacation, made the empty schoolrooms and buildings seem rather desolate.

Starting on Sunday evening, January 12th, movies will be shown at the School at about 7:45 o'clock, instead of on Monday evenings, as formerly.

Mrs. Leopold Greis

Mrs. Nellie E. Butler Greis, wife of Leopold Greis, Bayport, L. I., died in the Southside Hospital, Bayshore, early on Tuesday morning, the last day of the old year, December 31st, 1935, after an operation for appendicitis and complications. She had suffered for several years and bore her pain bravely.

She was born at Skaneateles, 64 years ago, but lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., several years before her marriage to Leopold Greis. They moved to Bayport 27 years ago and had made their home on Bay Avenue ever since, living quietly and well-liked by their neighbors.

Mrs. Greis was a member of Bayville, L. I., St. Ann's Church, and of the King's Daughters. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Isabelle; her mother, Mrs. Susan Butler, and two brothers, of Auburn, N. Y., a sister, Mrs. Julius Kieckers, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Funeral services were held Thursday night, January 2d, 1936, at her late home, with the Rev. Arthur Tedcastle officiating in the absence of St. Ann's rector. Interment was in the Lutheran Cemetery in Brooklyn the following day. Mrs. Greis attended the Fanwood School for a time in her girlhood. Among her schoolmates was Mrs. Alex Goldfogle and Elizabeth Anderson. Later she attended the Rome, N. Y., school, while she then lived up-state.

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Deaf-Mutes' Union League Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

700 Gather at Hotel Astor for Golden Jubilee--Gala Occasion Observed in Sumptuous Style Committee Worked Two Years in Preparation

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary in brilliant style on the evening of Saturday, January 4th, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor, one of the leading hotels of the city.

At seven o'clock the commodious reception room began to fill up with the members and their guests—the men in correct dinner attire and the ladies beautifully gowned for the occasion. Half an hour later the doors to the three-tiered ballroom were opened, disclosing a truly magnificent sight, of long rows of round tables, elaborately arranged in snowy linen and fernery. The high ceiling gave a distinct air of spaciousness, and the soft lights falling on the shiny silver and sparkling glassware lent a glamorous tone to the whole. High over all there hung a large transparent banner with the seal of the Union League glowing brightly in the semi-darkness. In all, there were nearly seven hundred present, at this most lavish and brilliant event by any deaf organization in the city, if not in the world.

After all had found their seats and the customary flashlight photos taken, smiling Abraham Barr, chairman of the Arrangement Committee, made a short address of welcome, after which a toast to the future of the Union League was drunk, all the gentlemen standing. Then the gathering sat down to enjoy the following menu:

| COCKTAIL | | |
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| Supreme of Fruit, Favorite | Petite Marmite, Bourgeoise | |
| Celery | Salted Nuts | Olivies |
| SAUTERNES | | |
| Aiguillette of Grey Sole, Medicis | Imperial Sweetbread a la Chevreuse | |
| Fresh Mushrooms, Forestiere | Asparagus Tips, Polonaise | |
| BURGUNDY | | |
| Roast Vermont Turkey, Americaine | Sage Dressing | |
| Cranberry Sauce | Candied Yams | |
| Salade, Mimosa | Bombe Florentine | |
| Petits Fours | Gourmandises | |
| Moka | Cigarettes | |

The faultless manner in which the various courses were served was as much appreciated as the toothsome viands themselves; the Sauternes and Burgundy were of good vintage and flowed freely. The tables, mostly engaged by groups of mutual friends, were soon buzzing with animated conversation, wit and repartee, as all were in a receptive mood for the joyous occasion.

A pleasant and novel surprise was sprung when the ice-cream dessert, (more elegantly termed Bombe Florentine) was brought in. borne on the shoulders four waiters was a massive birthday cake aglow with fifty lighted candles, and following were fifty other waiters each carrying a plate of the dessert topped with a lighted candle. The procession slowly gyrated around the ballroom floor to the tune of music, ending in front of the speakers' table where the cake was placed, and the waiters went to

their respective tables. Coffee and cigars followed soon after, and brought a close only the eating part, as the evening had just begun.

Souvenirs of the occasion were presented to all. The ladies received a dainty gold compact case, while the men were given a fine Waterman fountain pen and pencil set.

Between courses dancing was enjoyed on the large ballroom floor where there was no crowding. Music was furnished by the Hotel Astor Orchestra. Needless to say, the onlookers enjoyed watching the kaleidoscopic procession of dancers—smartly dressed squires gliding smoothly around in rhythmic unison to the strains of beguiling music with their lovely dames or adorable damoiselles—richly draped, beautifully gowned or lightly clothed as the case may have been.

The orchestra ceased and the music died down. Up rose the Master of Ceremonies. Benjamin Friedwald raised his hand for silence and attention. A blinding glare of floodlights for the movie cameras shot into his face. There was a trace of weariness in his countenance as he briefly related the two years of preparation by the committee for this auspicious occasion, which he said seemed amply repaid by simply looking around at the happy gathering present.

The floodlights were an unexpected help anyway as they focused attention to the speakers, who otherwise could not be seen in the vastness of the room and dimly lighted at that. Below was the order of the program:

Introductory Remarks..... Abraham Barr
Chairman of the Banquet Committee
Master of Ceremonies..... Benjamin Friedwald
President's Address..... Nathan Schwartz
Address—"Half a Century".....

Samuel Frankenheim
Address..... Charles Bothner
Address..... Adolph Pfeiffer
Address—"The Jolly Jeremiah".....

Dr. Harris Taylor,
Supervisor of the Education of the
Blind and the Deaf of New York
Special Schools Bureau, State Department
of Education, Albany, N. Y.

Address—"Inc.".... Prof. Victor O. Skyberg
Superintendent, N. Y. School for the
Deaf.

Address—"Remarks"..... Clarence D. O'Connor, Superintendent
Lexington School for the Deaf
Presentation of Gold Mementos to the
Founders..... Nathan Schwartz

Song—"Auld Lang Syne"..... John N. Funk

The President's address dealt chiefly with the history of the club. Following the speeches gold medals were presented to the founders, Samuel Frankenheim, Charles Bothner and Adolph Pfeiffer, by Mr. Schwartz, president of the society.

Samuel Frankenheim, at whose home the first meeting of the league was held, compared in his speech the early meetings and social gatherings with those of the present. The first dinner, he said, was held on January 5d, 1889, at Sixty-sixth Street and Third Avenue, opposite a car barn, with fourteen members attending. The members enjoyed themselves so much that they decided to make it an annual affair, he recalled.

During the fifty years of its organization, the league has never missed

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O H I O

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

The Columbus newspapers of today, December 31st, say that the seventy-year-old state bindery closes today, because the governor vetoed all money appropriated for it. This throws thirty persons out of jobs and perhaps ten or fifteen of them are deaf folks. The state bindery was originally on the grounds of the State School for the Deaf, and boys and girls were trained for the work there. Some of the deaf employees are well along in life and it will not be easy for them to get positions elsewhere. There is also talk that the big Ohio State University will not be able to open next week unless some arrangements are made for it to get coal. All monies appropriated for coal in some of the state institutions was vetoed. The legislators convene again this week and it is hoped some plan can be devised to give the necessary funds to the crippled institutions. The School for the Deaf, being under the state educational department, does not suffer so much from the governor's veto on all funds.

The following was clipped from the Columbus *Dispatch* of December 28th:

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Huffman, 1530 Franklin Avenue, entertained with a bunco and Christmas party on Saturday evening. A supper was served later in the evening. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. August Beckert, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kennedy, Miss Anna King, Miss Bessie MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Neuner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neutzlive, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Work, Mr. and Mrs. William Zorn, Miss Dorothea and Miss Carol Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Huffman.

Mr. A. B. Greener will leave Saturday, January 4th, for St. Petersburg, Fla., to enjoy the sunny weather down there. His two daughters, Mrs. R. P. Thomas, of Columbus, and Mrs. J. K. Sherman, of Fort Wayne, Ind., are to accompany him. They will probably spend two weeks there.

The attendance at the meeting of the Ohio Educational Association was cut down on account of the extreme cold and the deep snow the day after Christmas. Dr. Dawson, one of the principal speakers, said that too much pressure on the child in school is causing nervousness. He claims that the aim of every school should be to keep the children happy. As I read his remarks I thought he should visit some of the residential schools for the deaf, for in them the children always seem happy.

From the following it seems the Indiana deaf have not given up the idea of a Home. Success to them in their efforts:

After years of effort, Indiana seemed to be in a fair way to realize her dream of a home for the aged and infirm. But there is no limit to what cupidity will lead otherwise sane people to do. A suit for a receiver of the home is now pending in the Superior court here. If the receiver is appointed he will be instructed to do one of two things. Either disburse the cash and property of the corporation as provided for in the article of incorporation or to proceed to establish and operate the home. It will be the end of the project either way. If the receiver is instructed to establish and operate the home, the deaf cannot be expected to support an institution that is not under their own control. Let us hope that the suit will be denied.

The present Board of the Home has already taken steps to get the Home started. It will have to be on a rather modest scale for a time, but it will be a start and the deaf generally will surely rise to the occasion and see that it meets all needs eventually.

Steps have been taken to get the Home under way. The location has been selected and a practical builder is figuring on the plans and costs. There has been much difference of opinion as to where the Home should be established, but a thorough study of the question by an able attorney has settled the argument. That is only on the Archibald farm. The present Board is going to do just that and we feel that the deaf generally will approve when they understand the situation.

The following reached me recently, and the Mr. Stroup mentioned at one time attended the Ohio School, and I

understand he was quite well-known to some of the Akron deaf:

Frank Stroup, 65, deaf-mute and resident of Nova, died at 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 3d, at New London Hospital from internal injuries received an hour before when he was struck by a truck, east of Nova.

He was hit by a truck driven by Harold C. Levine, driver for the T. R. Rick Motor Company at Detroit, Mich., at the drive-way to the home of Guy and Merle Metcher, three-quarters of a mile east of Nova. Levine stated that he sounded his horn but Stroup was unable to hear.

The injured man was taken to the hospital by Levine and Merle Metcher. Efforts to locate relatives were being made today by Constable M. F. Rickenbrod, of Nova. The body is at the Sackett Funeral Home in New London.

Stroup has resided at Nova for the past twelve months and was engaged in repairing of watches and clocks. He formerly had been a resident of Spencer. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca Zehnley Stroup, preceded him in death several years ago.—*Ashland Times Gazette*.

At the national convention in Chicago of the Epsilon Pi Tau, national honorary fraternity, Mr. Herbert H. Hutchinson, principal of industrial education at the Ohio School, was honored with the Laureate Award of the Fraternity because of research work carried on by him. He was awarded a small diamond for the center of his watch chain pendant. Of course "H. H. H." as he is called at the school, feels somewhat chesty over this honor.

Miss Helen Swick was united in marriage to Mr. Alfred Hohman, of Tiffin, according to word received in Columbus. Mr. Hohman holds a position in a Tiffin pottery plant and the couple will make that city their home.

Just for a change I am sending in a few laughs:

Definite Proof.—TEACHER—"Johnny, who was Anne Boleyn?"

JOHNNY—"Anne Boleyn was a flat iron."

TEACHER—"What on earth do you mean?"

JOHNNY—"Well, it says here in the history book Henry, having disposed of Catherine, pressed his suit with Anne Boleyn."—*Santa Fe Magazine*.

QUERY

If one person to another,
In a rage he cannot smother,
Cries aloud, "You are a liar!"
And the one addressed replies,
Quick as a cat can wink her eyes,
"You're another!"—I inquire:
Has the second not admitted
That the malediction fitted?

—Osman Hooper.

Mr. Osman Hooper is a well-known writer of Columbus.

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Official Notice

(L. P. F. please copy)

The Executive Committee of the National Association of the Deaf has approved July 19th to July 24th, 1937, as the date of the 18th Triennial Convention of the Association.

Selection by the Chicago Local Committee of the Hotel Sherman has also been sanctioned by your President as *ex-officio* member of that committee.

We believe that arrangements now being made will meet with the hearty approval of our members.

ALTOR L. SEDLOW,
Secretary.

MARCUS L. KENNER,
President.

Every woman thinks she understands men, but no wise man imagines that he understands women.

Florida Flashes

Florida is a safe place to live in, hurricane or no hurricane, according to the statement of "Farmer" E. H. Dunn, former meteorologist of the New York weather bureau station, who declared in a recent address to the Rodland (Florida) District Improvement Association. Out of 364 hurricanes on record, about six have reached the lower east coast of the peninsula. Relative to poor service of the weather bureau Mr. Dunn attributed the insufficiency of reports on approaching hurricanes to the discontinuance of rigid examinations which were in force when the weather bureau was under the direction of the war department, and charged that since the Department of Agriculture took over the bureau, such examinations were eliminated.

Since the retirement of Rev. Franklin C. Smielau from active ministry in the Ohio diocese over a year ago, the office of priest has been vacant. Reverends Barney Golden and Georg Almo are on the unemployed list, one of whom might be his worthy successor. Mr. Smielau is at present in Orlando enjoying the winter climate which is conducive to his health.

The Florida School for the Deaf is one of the few educational plants in the United States that conducts Sunday chapel services during which finger spelling is the official mode of communication. Visiting deaf ministers are allowed to talk to students in the sign language.

Among Thanksgiving visitors in Miami were included W. E. Clemons of Orlando, and Louis H. Egle, of Winter Haven.

In order to be with her mother whose health has not been of the best, Mrs. Maude Parker and her mother motored from Washington, D. C., to Miami, where they will spend the winter. There they will enjoy climatic advantages that are lacking in the north at this time of the season.

According to the *Western Pennsylvanian*, Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Downing left Wilkinsburg, Pa., on November 18th, to return to St. Petersburg for another winter season. Mr. Downing was for many years connected with the teaching faculty of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, and recently was granted a state pension.

Miami being an ideal place for their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Jarrell, of Cape May, New Jersey, who were married last October, enjoyed their sojourn in the land of sunshine before returning to Knoxville, Tenn.

Ralph Kennedy Bradford, the nationally advertised deaf hitchhiker, who roamed in Florida a year or two ago, is now traveling in the middle west and has been thumbing his way since 1923.

Among summer visitors to the Dixie Home for Aged Deaf at Moultrie was Mrs. Emma Seely, of Iowa, an old college friend of Superintendent and Matron of the Home, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fugate. She was so sold on Florida that she packed her traveling bag with souvenirs and gifts, but upon her arrival at St. Louis she discovered the loss of everything she possessed and the bus company made a substantial cash settlement.

Being possessed of an insatiate yearning for adventure, three young youths, whose names are Mario Mariotti, Dominick Di and Joseph Stanton, all of Connecticut, are roaming in Florida this winter en route to Texas. They were educated at the West Hartford School for the Deaf. To meet their current expenses they are selling needle cases, and to save bus or train fare, they are pointing their thumbs backward most of the way.

Another vocation, besides barbering, should be a life career for a printer, and it is linotyping. The requisite is a good education and a full understanding of typographical technique. There are a number of deaf lino-

ters in newspaper and job offices in Florida, among whom may be mentioned A. W. Pope and Cecil Glenn Stephens with the St. Augustine Record Co., Raymond H. Rou, H. S. Morris and C. D. Erwin with the Miami Herald, George Hay with the Fort Meade Leader, E. W. Pope with the West Palm Beach Post, Leon P. Jones with the De Land Herald, W. E. Clemons with the Orlando Sentinel, Louis H. Egle with the Winter Haven Herald, and Laurence Randall with Lakeland News.

When the Gallaudet College football team disbanded, principally due to injuries sustained by players, there being an insufficiency of substitutes, Dan Long, of Tallahassee, a Florida school product, was one of the unfortunate victims; he badly injured his knee.

Unknown to many of the deaf of South Florida, a young Georgia product by name of E. W. Matthews, of Ruskin, has been in Florida. Sunday afternoon, December 29th, he attended the Tampa services. He has lived in Ruskin more than seven years, it is revealed. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Daugherty, who also reside there, brought him along, and Mr. Matthews stated to the writer that he, who was taught the pure oral method at the Georgia school, expressed great joy at being in the company of deaf people again after these long years of silence. He is in the employ of the Tamiami Garage as an expert auto mechanic.

Edmund F. Bumann, an instructor of cabinetmaking and carpentry at the Florida School for the Deaf in St. Augustine, motored to Winter Haven during the last week-end in December to be with his family. He is very proud of his baby-son that arrived three weeks before. He returned Sunday afternoon with two boxes of citrus fruits for distribution among his students in the industrial department.

Walton Dean, who has been employed at the Florence Villa Packing House for some time, has secured a more lucrative job as a crate nailer at another packing house in Winter Haven.

Miss Carlotta Walker, of Vermont, is again wintering at Cassadaga, between DeLand and Daytona Beach. She and her mother are regular winter residents of Florida and spend summers in Vermont. Owing to distant location Miss Walker does not meet her deaf friends often as she did when she lived in Daytona Beach and Miami.

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CHICAGO DEAF FORUM

Chicago Deaf Forum should accurately define the new hopeful venture, which is one result of the conference of representatives of various hearing organizations last November 26th. This start will be signalized with a lecture on January 22d, Wednesday night, at the Parish Hall of All Angels' Mission of the Deaf, Racine and Leland.

It is to be delivered by the likable Mrs. Felix Levy. She once delivered a talk to a group of the deaf in the loop last year, and evoked an enthusiastic response. Because she spoke slowly and plainly, a great number of lip-readers were surprised to be able to understand her, and the sign interpreter had a very easy job of it for the deaf-mutes. This lecture will be sure to interest every one of you; it is open to all, no admission charge.

It rests with the Chicago deaf to prove their interest by attending this opener. When this is proved, the hearing group will be encouraged to work for their interests with redoubled energy. The first lecture would have cost \$50 fee at hearing clubs, but to the deaf it is to be donated. Other lecturers will follow suit, many of whom usually charge \$100 or \$150 for each lecture, depending on the quality and value of their talks.

It must be remembered that this Chicago Deaf Forum is purely non-sectarian and is for all the deaf. It, therefore, depends on you for its life and growth.

Three groups under Chicago Lutheran Deaf Mission have elected their own officers: Our Savior Congregation; President, Wm. J. Maiworm, Vice-President, Walter Michaelson; Secretary, C. T. Hayman; Treasurer, Carl Heyer; Deacons, Carl Leise, Hans Stahr and Martin Carlson. Trustees, Ben Greenheck, E. C. Weinrich and W. Summerfield.

Ladies' Aid Society: President, Mrs. Alma Myers; Vice-President, Mrs. B. Greenheck; Secretary, Mrs. F. Collignon; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Michaelson.

Silent Lutheran Club: President, Martin Carlson; Vice-President, Walter Michaelson; Secretary, Ben Greenheck; Treasurer, C. T. Hayman.

This Lutheran Mission holds monthly services for the colored deaf in St. Philip's Colored Lutheran Church, 6400 St. Lawrence Avenue, on the southside, the first Sunday of each month at 8 p.m.

Ephpheta Social Center held its Christmas Tree Party at its Ashland Boulevard site, Sunday, December 29th, and it was well attended.

The 1936 officers of Pas-a-Pas Club are almost the same as last year, namely, George Pick, president; Mrs. F. Joseph, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Carlson, secretary; Mr. W. McGann, treasurer; and Mr. A. Meehan, financial secretary.

Pas-a-Pas Club is moving to new quarters across the hallway on the same third floor, at the same address, which is 4750 Broadway. The difference in the area of the new space compared with the former quarters is almost nil, but the rental has been reduced about forty percent—quite substantial. This club, for that reason, should have every reason to look forward into the future with greater confidence.

Mrs. L. Brimble had the pleasure of being visited by her son and grandson from Detroit for one week prior to Christmas.

Jule Guthman left for Los Angeles before Christmas, planning to stay there with his aunt until March, or perhaps longer.

Mrs. Rose Bonadonna, the grandmother of Vito Vallone, Jr., died December 28th, at age of 84, and was buried December 31st. She came to America in early 1900s.

Illinois Silent Athletic Club may be said to have grown full-fledged since it put over its first annual dance at Herzl Community Hall on California Avenue, opposite Humboldt Park, Friday night, December 27th.

Mr. Cox is slowly recovering from an illness, and is walking around at present.

Robert Harding met ill fortune two fold in about a week, losing all teeth that had to be extracted, and being operated on unexpectedly for an abdominal disorder. He is resting at Cook County Hospital.

PETER J. LIVSHIS.

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DETROIT

Mr. Ivan Heymans returned from his trip by airplane on New Year's evening to spend the holidays with his sister and the family in New York City. He enjoyed his visit to different places, also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ormestine, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His cousin took him to visit in Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Whitehead, of Belleville, Mich., spent several days in Mansfield, Ohio, with their children. They visited Rev. and Mrs. Waters and the family on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Piatt's oldest daughter, Marguerite, was married to Mr. Verl Laabs in St. John Episcopal Church on December 31st. Maxine Piatt, her sister, stood up as witness.

The Akron Bowling League came last December 31st. They won the first game, while the Detroit Bowling League team won the second and third games. There was a good crowd in attendance. The teams played double and singles from 7:30 till 11:30, and then all went to the D. A. D.'s watch night social. A large attendance of 300 celebrated the New Year's advent. Caps, souvenirs and refreshments were served free. Many out-of-town visitors were there.

There was a large turnout at the Watch Night social at the C. A. D. Tuesday evening, December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayville and child, of Pontiac, Mich., spent the Christmas and New Year holidays as the guests of Mrs. Mayville's mother and sister.

Mr. Frederick McCarthy sent a telegram to the D. A. D. on December 31st, announcing his engagement.

St. John's Ladies Service League will have a hot dinner every first Sunday after Rev. H. B. Waters gives holy communion service. The prices arranged by the committees will be reasonable.

The Ladies League will hold a social on Friday evening, January 10th, after they hold a regular business meeting and the election of new officers.

The N. F. S. D., No. 2 division held a keno social and "500" at Gerow Hall last December 14th. Cash prizes were given to winners. Mr. H. Hartley was the chairman.

Mrs. John Lundquist, of Bay City, Mich., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. McSparin during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Speers, of Bay City, have moved to Illinois, where Mr. Speers has a better and steady job.

Mrs. Curry is staying in Toledo, Ohio, after being in Detroit for several months.

Miss Elaine Buxton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Buxton, spent the holidays with her brother in New York.

Miss Laura Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, visited New York City and some towns in Maryland. She is attending the Preparatory Class at Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.

MRS. L. MAY.

"I should like to see a nice, fat goose," said a customer, entering the poultry shop. "Yes, sir," answered the boy, "father'll down directly."

Los Angeles, Cal.

We almost believe in Santa Claus after seeing so many of them; the jolly fellow holds his own in spite of the psychologists who say it is wrong to tell the children the Santa Claus myth. Santa Claus was ubiquitous, seen in the department stores, on the streets collecting for the Salvation Army and at the churches and clubs. Santa Claus was at the Catholic deaf's festivities the afternoon of December 15th, then at the Baptist Church on December 19th, at the Los Angeles Silent Club, on December 21st, and at the Cosmopolitan Club on Christmas Eve.

At all of these celebrations there were beautifully decorated trees, glistening with lights, and distribution of candy, nuts and apples, gifts and Christmas cards. The celebration of the Deaf Department of the Temple Baptist Church was free to all and about 200 attended. The Cosmopolitans party was for members, and a large number of others were admitted on payment of the admission fee. The LASC and Catholic celebrations were for members and families and a few invited friends. Thus the day is past when clubs kept "Open House" at Christmas, a result of the depression.

The engagement is announced of Miss Anita Klein, of San Francisco, to Irving S. Auslander, formerly of the Fanwood School, New York City. Mr. Auslander has been here about five years. Miss Klein and father are here for the holidays.

Another New Yorker, Scott Hutchins, was met at the Cosmopolitan Club on Christmas Eve. He has been travelling on his motorcycle and worked on farms all summer in Texas and North Dakota. He came last week from Iowa. He was 1926 American champion in canoeing and used to make several long trips from New York City to Boston or to New Orleans.

Other holiday visitors are Mr. and Mrs. William Tilley, of Tiburon, Cal., who are guests of the Sonneborns, and Miss Lotus Valentine, of the Salem School, who is a guest of the Simon Himmelscheins.

Mrs. Susan Walgren, of San Diego, visited Mrs. Annie Ward a few days and carried out a long cherished plan by renting an apartment for the winter. Mrs. Walgren is not a stranger here and will enjoy going to the various meetings of the deaf.

Election of officers at the Los Angeles Silent Club on December 14th resulted as follows: President, Miss Cora Denton; Vice-President, Mark Hanna; Secretary, Mrs. Augusta K. Barrett; Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Reddick; Directors, Mrs. Margaret Conway; Messrs. Zach B. Thompson, Alvin Ireland, David Reddick and Peter Doodson; Third Trustee, Miss Ella Roy.

Cosmopolitan Clubs election on December 11th resulted in the following roster: President, Fred W. Meinken; First Vice-President, West Wilson; Second Vice-President, Kenneth Willman; Secretary, J.A. Goldstein; Treasurer, U. M. Cool; Third Trustee, Mrs. Ethel Himmelschein; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lottie Hyten.

Townsend Club of the Deaf is having meetings every Friday night at the Church of the Apostles, Ninth and Flower Streets. The officers are: President, Rev. Ethel Duncan; Vice-President, A. S. Nicely; Secretary, Mrs. Nicely; Treasurer, Floyd Mount; Chairman of Committee, Marcus Beck. Rev. Duncan is also a seer and health broadcaster, and done much charitable work. Interest in this club is growing, as the deaf become more familiar with the principles embodied in the Townsend Plan.

The Bridge party at the Cosmopolitan Club on the afternoon of December 15th was in charge of one of the club's long-time members,

Douglas Mitchelson. Very nice prizes, all donated by Mr. Mitchelson, were won by the following: first by Mrs. Edith Larson and Sam Eiller; second by Mrs. Jeanette Price and Mr. Joseph Beisang, consolation prizes by Mrs. Lottie Hyten and Mr. W. H. Sparling.

Mrs. Mary Mercer, who is employed at the school for the deaf at Tucson, Ariz., has been spending her Christmas vacation here and at San Diego.

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SOME eminent writers have raised the question as to whether life was more exacting in other days than at present. It is argued that in this age of ours people seek to get much more out of life than was ever attempted before. Today men of what was once considered an advanced age essay to play the part that was the role of middle-aged men of other days. Perhaps modern conditions have made it possible for human beings to reach longer life terms, continuing to be usefully employed to advanced years. In fact Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel Prize winning biologist, hints as one of the realities of tomorrow, the placing human beings in a state of suspended animation for long periods of time, thus making possible the stretching out of a normal life span over a period of centuries. However, he declares this is a very remote possibility.

In other generations young men controlled affairs, as there were proportionally fewer older persons fit to carry on the world's work. At the present day people who have attained the age of sixty are common enough, and the experienced brain may be said to have advantages over that of youth. Nevertheless, continued progress can only be gained by protecting the mental powers and the senses of mankind against such hazards as may easily be controlled. The din of noise would seem to be one with which people could easily dispense.

People of other generations may not have visioned that the course of human progress would produce machines as vast and powerful as those that are recognized as necessary adjuncts in the increasing mass production energies of today. It is now being recognized that machinery and attendant vibratory noises have brought on conditions affecting the health of people through serious nerve integrity. This has variable effects on different individuals. Naturally it has led to a call for social control, over contrivances which, however use-

ful, may also produce dangerous results to individuals. There is a demand for alleviation, if not removal, of this cause of possible injury to nervous systems.

Considerable thought and attention are now being directed to ways and means for reducing what appears to be dangerous conditions resulting from excessive noise in crowded communities. With populations becoming more and more crowded and the machine pushing its way more closely into human activity, all the senses become subject to increased stress and strain, which have their effect on the human factor. The new order evidently has come to stay, but it should be possible to limit the noises it has introduced.

In relation to noises, the deaf are often congratulated as being free from the distractions caused by the noises of daily life, especially in large cities. Few people have a realization of the nervous effects of vibratory forces on those who are deaf. They cannot hear, but they do feel the vibration of people who trod heavily when walking in a room, or who stamp vigorously to call attention; the rumbling of heavy traffic is noticed by the deaf, as are the vibrations of many other noises, attended with the disadvantage of being unable to locate the causes of the vibrations causing the annoyance.

WE CAME across an announcement that Joseph Sauveur, born a deaf-mute in 1653, is credited with having been the founder of the science of Acoustics. In case he really was congenitally deaf, his mental attainments must have been considerably above the average even for a person having all his senses.

He is recorded as having had a strong inclination for mathematics and for mechanical pursuits. It is said that he rose to the dignity of holding the chair of mathematics in the Royal College of France. With the persistence of genius he overcame his physical handicap and established the science of musical acoustics. Aided by a musician, who assisted him in his observation, he studied the phenomena of beats and sound vibrations produced by various musical instruments.

There have been several instances of remarkable attainment by so-called deaf-mutes, as recorded in the bibliographical notices published in the early volumes of the *American Annals of the Deaf*, who showed almost miraculous ability and attainments; to these this case must be added. Still, in the light of the present understanding of the term *deaf-mute*, the question arises was M. Sauveur really congenitally deaf or really totally deaf?

Wedding Bells

Miss Alta Brown, of Cortland, was married on December 7th, to a hearing man, Charles Weston Travis, in Trinity Episcopal Church, Syracuse, the Rev. H. C. Merrill officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conley were the only attendants. Later a wedding dinner was partaken of at a local hotel and the happy couple took a short wedding trip to Auburn. They will reside in Cortland, where they have a cosy apartment already furnished.

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GALLAUDET COLLEGE

By Rex Lowman

New Year's Eve was celebrated right merrily in the Men's Refectory with a party at which the entire student body and quite a few alumni were present. The refectory was beautifully decorated with myriad-colored streamers hung to the walls. A crepe "1936" was affixed to the wall where the entrance from Chapel Hall opens into the refectory. Balloons decorated the walls and the ceiling.

With Misses Benson and Remsberg on the receiving line, the party proceeded into the refectory from Chapel Hall at about fifteen past ten and commenced dancing. This pleasure took up the rest of the evening. It was noticeable, however, that quite a few of the alumni gathered in small groups ostensibly to talk over other New Year's Eves that transpired when they were in college. Many novel features were introduced during the party.

Among them was a lucky number, decided by the committee which gave a prize to the couple possessing it, a dance by which those not standing within a circle drawn upon the dance floor were eliminated until only one couple was left, and a contest to decide the best dancers, won by Dora Benoit '36, and Charles Varnes, P.C. At about ten minutes to twelve, the Senior Class went up the steps to the Chapel Tower and tolled out thirty-six chimes. The party was finally over at fifteen past twelve, after all had partaken of the punch, which was served as a refreshment.

By Felix Kowalewski

Friday, January 3d, Gallaudet's basketeers administered a sound drubbing to Maryland State Normal College, 36 to 21, to retain their standing as the only undefeated college basketball team in the District of Columbia. After a cautious start, the Blues forged ahead, holding a 14 to 8 lead at half time. Thereafter they were ahead by never less than five points, showing some beautiful playing between times, at one time making three successive goals in about one minute's time.

Hoffmeister and Ellerhorst chalked up a large part of our score, making 15 and 12 points respectively. Burnett, our giant center, helped with six points. Drake, Goodin, N. Brown, and Columns (the four Arkansawyers) played a brilliant game, and, while not running up points, they were continually feeding the ball to their team-mates, and playing an important part in the fast passing plays. Noney and Wheeler helped bolster up the visitors' score, tallying six points each.

In a preliminary game, the Gallaudette Jayvess easily routed the Eckington Juniors, 46 to 11.

Saturday night saw the Old Gym packed with a tense crowd, all on edge over our game with Loyola College, last year's Maryland State champions. This team defeated Yale 40 to 26, and also beat Maryland State Normal by only 8 points to our fifteen. The game started with both teams in high tension, until Gallaudet gained one point on a free throw. Then Loyola sputtered up to an 8 to 1 lead, but the Blues went in and fought up to 15 to 10 at half-time.

In the second half, Loyola steadily increased its lead, but Gallaudet battled all the way to the final whistle, which saw the score 28 to 17, in the Baltimoreans favor. Both teams handled the ball very well, except in under-the-basket scrimmages, when many fouls were committed and many shots went away.

The tenseness brought on by the rough and tumble under-the-basket scrimmages caused our boys to miss an unusual number of free throws, as well as many tries for goal. It is very probable that, if more of our free throws and tries for field-goals had succeeded, we would have emerged victorious. Knight, Mary-

land All-State forward, ran up 13 points for Loyola, aided by Wayson with 7 points, and Russell and Carney with 4 points each.

Gallaudet's points were more evenly distributed, Ellerhorst leading with six points, and Drake coming next with five. Burnett helped out with four. Goodin and Hoffmeister each tallied one point. These five boys played through the game, and showed a fine brand of the Gallaudet fighting spirit, although their shooting was a bit too wild.

Next Friday will see our basketeers off to meet the Maryland State Normals in a return game on the latter's court. Saturday will see them up against Baltimore University. Saturday will also see our wrestlers off to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to meet Washington and Lee College, and here's hoping they all bring home the bacon.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Christmas has come and gone, and we have again settled down to the daily grind and bidden farewell to the old year, with its multitude of joys and sorrows. "Welcome the coming speed the parting guest," Many of the deaf of Syracuse did their share of entertaining at family reunions. Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Merrill had their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hemstreet and son, Bobby, from Canton, for a few days at the "manse."

Mr. and Mrs. G. Root had their annual family reunion on Christmas Day, with an even dozen at the festive board. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn MacRae came from Buffalo; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Root and son, Bobby, from Webster, N. Y., Mrs. Arnold Weichert and three children of Syracuse. All made merry around a gayly lighted Christmas tree, while Grandpa Root played Santa Claus to all.

Mrs. Grace Wasse spent Christmas with her eldest daughter at Little Falls. The daughter recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hinckley entertained Miss Mary Hinckley, of Buffalo, during the Christmas season.

Mr. Thomas Brenner, who had been wearing out shoe leather for some time hunting for a job, has secured a position as janitor and caretaker at the Gray Bros' Shoe factory. Mr. Rod Brown and daughter, Frances, and Mrs. Carl Ayling are also employed in this factory.

The Ladies Guild held their annual Christmas entertainment in the parish house of Trinity Church the evening of December 23d. A little playette featuring Santa Claus and his traditional pack of toys, Mrs. Carl Ayling being in charge. Mrs. George Root gave the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night." Dainty refreshments were served to an appreciative crowd.

Several watch-night parties were given by the local deaf to speed the old year and ring in the new. As far as we have been able to learn, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, Rev. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hinckley, Mrs. Grace Wasse, all had a few friends in to celebrate.

Mrs. George Root spent four days with her son at Webster after Christmas and returned home in time to see the old year take its departure.

The three Ackerman children spent the holidays with their parents in Syracuse.

My wish for the new year:

"May this new year which God has smiled upon and blessed and given to mankind, help us all to look to a higher strength for hope and courage through the coming year, and instead of making futile New Year's resolutions which are gone and forgotten ere the day is done, let us make a great resolve to forget the bitterness and strife of life and have a tremendous faith and courage to 'carry on' with renewed strength and thus make the coming year a joyous forerunner of a better tomorrow."

PITTI-SING.

Deaf-Mutes' Union League Golden Jubilee

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having a monthly meeting on time except once during the blizzard of 1888, he proudly asserted, and has always been solvent and self-supporting.

In his brief talk Dr. Taylor stressed the necessity for the readjustment and improvement of schools for the blind and deaf due to conditions brought about by the depression.

"The economic depression has brought about a great change in the conditions affecting the blind and the deaf," Dr. Taylor said. "It has been a period where those with every normal faculty and excellent educations found themselves without employment. This makes it very evident that you must accustom yourselves to a readjustment. Schools for the deaf must be improved and plans made to cope with changed conditions."

Taking as his title the abbreviation "Inc.," Superintendent Victor O. Skyberg of the New York School for the Deaf spoke on the importance of united effort by an organized body such as the Deaf-Mutes' Union League in the interests of the deaf, individually and collectively. Mr. Skyberg congratulated the organization upon the splendid progress made during the past fifty years. He emphasized the fact that any incorporated body can but exist and progress in the measure of its spiritual endowment. The Deaf-Mutes' Union League has shown its strength of spirit and its loftiness of purpose. With these two factors steadily maintained, the Deaf-Mutes Union League can look forward with radiant faces to the coming half century.

Superintendent Skyberg acted as official reporter for the evening, interpreting both the signed and spoken addresses.

Mr. O'Connor, Principal of the Lexington School, said that the gathering represented the largest group of deaf he had ever spoken to in his entire experience.

The program was concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" in a special measured rhythm by Mr. John N. Funk in his usual inimitable manner.

After giving plenty of time for all to find seats around the carpeted area surrounding the dancing floor or up in the balconies, the entertainment program of a dozen numbers was enjoyed by the audience and drew much applause. This phase of the evening's arrangement is given herewith:

"BROADWAY FROLICS OF 1936"

1. Mayfair Revue—"Late of Paris." A Scintillating Array of Gorgeous Debutantes.
2. Ivan Bankoff and Girlie—International Russian Dancers.
3. The Golden Girl—"Broadway's Latest Craze," featuring the sensational Modern Dance.
4. Helene and Navarre—Dancers of Distinction, featuring their interpretation of the "Dance Moderne."
5. Mayfair Revue—"Boys, Meet the Ladies of France."
6. Uno—Comedy Pantomime Cyclist.
7. Helene and Navarre—Society's favorites.
8. Zaza and the Countess—Novelty Comedy Dancing Act.
9. Mayfair Revue—in the Land of the "Congo Girls."
10. Ivan Bankoff and Girlie—Comedy Dance Favorites.
11. Four Step Bros.—Outstanding Colored Dancers.
12. Mayfair Revue—Finale, "The Can-Can Girls."

Dancing took up what was left of the rest of the evening. The order of dance consisted of two parts of ten numbers each, all mostly fox-trots.

In keeping with the occasion, a most elaborate piece of the printer's art was made up, consisting of sixteen pages of pebbled paper with half-inch gold borders on outside edges. The whole was enclosed in a French-fold golden cover, tied with golden cord. After the introductory greetings, were a page of pictures of the four founders, Messrs. Frankenheim, Bothner, Pfeiffer and Yankauer. Following came the history, which is reprinted

herewith, as well as the other information about the League:

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League was organized January 3, 1886, by four young men, graduates of the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf, Samuel Frankenheim, Charles Bothner, Adolph Pfeiffer and Joseph Yankauer. At the organization meeting they were elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

The first meeting of the organization were held at the home of Mr. Frankenheim, later at that of Mr. Arthur C. Bachrach, and then at the Lexington Avenue School. Afterward the society changed quarters from time to time. At present it has rooms at 711 Eighth Avenue, and a commodious hall, wherein business meetings and social affairs are held.

On April 17, 1887, a Constitution and By-Laws was perfected, committees created, and the club named the Deaf-Mutes' Union League. By 1889 the society had grown to twenty-five members. It was incorporated in 1901 and intended at first to restrict membership to graduates of the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf, but later on, in 1903, all deaf men of good characters were welcomed. The present day membership is 373.

The League, through various activities, fulfills its objects by providing a place for the social, intellectual and recreative advancement of its members. Also it has steadily grown in prominence as an entertainment center for all the deaf. To record the various activities the League went through during the past fifty years would require considerable space. To its rooms come out-of-town visitors desirous of getting in touch with their silent brethren, and its social functions are attended by deaf men and women from all walks of life.

The first banquet, celebrating our third year of existence, was held January 3, 1889. This, the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet, finds the Deaf-Mutes' Union League looking back over a half century of steady growth, possessing an acknowledged sphere of service to its members and the deaf of New York and vicinity, financially sound, and with every promise that the future will show greater progress in all activities.

The Officers of the League for the past year are Nathan Schwartz, President; Edward M. Kirwin, Vice-President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary; Samuel Lowenherz, Treasurer. *Board of Governors*.—Jack M. Ebin, Lester Cohen, Samuel Frankenheim, Ludwig Fischer and Joseph C. Sturtz.

Chairmen of Committees.—Samuel Frankenheim, Board of Trustees; Herbert J. Carroll, Literary; Edward M. Kirwin, Entertainment; Herbert Koritzer, Athletics; Benjamin Brandelstein, Motion Pictures; and Leonard Kramer, House.

Banquet Committee.—Abraham Barr, Chairman; Ben Friedwald, Secretary; Henry Peters, Treasurer; Aaron Hurwit and Benjamin Mintz.

Past Presidents have been Samuel Frankenheim, Charles A. Bothner, Adolph Pfeiffer, Joseph Yankauer, Emanuel Souweine, Francis W. Nuboer, Arthur C. Bachrach, James B. Gass, Simon Hirsch, Marcus L. Kenner, Harry C. Dickerson, Charles J. LeClercq, Anthony Capelle, Max Miller, Jack M. Ebin and Joseph F. Mortiller.

The list of Honorary Members of the League include Mr. and Mrs. David Bachrach, David Greene, D. L. Elemendorf, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Harvey P. Mitchell, M. Frankenheim, J. M. Horton, Dr. A. Monaeless, Dr. Enoch Henry Currier, Dr. Isaac B. Gardner, Edwin Allan Hodgson, F. Ferdinand Hamar, Dr. Harris Taylor, William H. Van Tassell and Professor Victor O. Skyberg. Only the last three named are living. One was unable to attend, but sent the committee the following:

I am in receipt of yours dated November 27th, addressed to the School and forwarded to the above address, where I now reside.

On account of my health, I have been retired since 1933, therefore am compelled, much to my regret, to decline your kind invitation for Mrs. Van Tassell and myself to attend the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of your admirable organization, at the Hotel Astor on January 4th.

My physician strictly taboos any undue exertion or excitement on my part.

I shall miss more than I can express, the pleasure of meeting my old friends, whom I have known for so many years.

I sincerely hope and trust that you will have a successful and pleasant time.

I shall deem it a great favor to be remembered to all who knew my father as well as my family.

WILLIAM H. VAN TASSELL.

A page of the program booklet was set aside "In Memoriam" of the departed fellow members listed in the order of their decease as follows:

Joseph Yankauer, Thomas H. Harrihill, Mortimer B. Howe, Charles Glasel, Moses Golding, Aaron Banner, Charles E. Johnson, Jacques Loew, Moses Heyman, George W. Schwing, Joseph Sonnenborn, Harry C. Dickerson, Tow Helberg, Harry R. Hart, Henry J. Haight, George M. Taggard, Philip Bassel, Abraham Solomon, Alexander Meisel, Frank A. Brown, Henry C. Kohlman, Allan Hitchcock, Harry Glosten, William Lipgens, Abraham Raboff, Ardine Rembeck, Simon Kahn, Emil Basch, Nathan Ehrlich, Henry Muller, Jacob M. Koehler, Moritz Schoenfeld, Robert Fischel, Isadore Sonn, George Van Nostrand, Merritt Klipsch and Osmond L. Loew.

A list of active members arranged alphabetically showed there were 317 on the roster, and 47 non-resident, making a total of 364 all told.

The following telegrams were received and read at the dinner.

On this the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League extend to the founders of the League the thanks of all deaf-mutes, to the members my good wishes, to the chairman congratulations. May the League go on and on to ever higher heights of cooperation and good-will.

ELSIE B. SIMONSON.

Heartiest congratulations Fiftieth Anniversary and all good wishes for a long and prosperous future.

BROOKLYN DIVISION, No. 23, N.F.S.D.

The Detroit Association of the Deaf sends you their congratulations on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the League. Wish you success and a prosperous New Year.

DETROIT ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes from Manhattan Division, 87.

LOUIS GOLDWASSER, Sec'y.

Sorry I cannot be with you all, but am with you in spirit.

EDGAR BLOOM.

Happy birthday greetings to the Deaf-Mutes' Union League.

THE McMANNS AND TILLIE SONNENBORN

Wish to extend our sincerest congratulations on this memorable occasion and hope for your continued success.

BROOKLYN HEBREW SOCIETY OF THE DEAF, M. AUERBACH, Sec'y.

Congratulations.—MRS. C. C. COLBY.

(Mrs. Colby had made reservations for the dinner, but had to cancel later, much to her regret).

NOTES

The group photograph was taken by Anthony Capelle, Jr., son of Anthony Capelle, a member of the League for nearly 25 years, and one of the past presidents.

One may wonder what became of the big birthday cake that was borne around the room. It is now at the League's rooms—perhaps the sole visible reminder of the magnificent affair.

It is reported that the outlay for the celebration was well within \$6,000. Calculating the cost of the gowns, attire and other items incidental to the affair, it is estimated that ten thousand dollars was put into circulation by the deaf, a figure which by no means is a small item in these days of lean pocketbooks.

Over a score of last-minute requests for reservations had to be returned to out-of-town people, as the capacity of the hotel had been reached.

The pen and pencil souvenirs were handsomely boxed, and made a very useful gift for the men. Retail price for the set was \$8.00. The ladies' gift of exquisite gold compact sets are said to be valued at \$3.00 each.

There were quite a number of guests from out of town, conspicuous among them being the ubiquitous Johnny Roach from Philadelphia, and his friend Howard Ferguson, the famous traveler, gourmet and writer, who probably went home convinced Lord Baltimore's Calvert was better than Kansas City's Granddad.

Is the Auto Horn Going?

The press has been giving an increasing amount of space to a subject which has always been of interest to deaf drivers of automobiles as well as deaf pedestrians. Reference is made to the use of horns which, according to Henry H. Curran, noise abatement commissioner of New York City, should be "as extinct as the dodo." In England fatal motor accidents dropped considerably in a few months of silence after a law against tooting went into effect, which is ample proof that this is no baseless theory.

It is well known that the effect of the sudden hooting of an automobile horn is to startle, and confuse the hearer, thus producing accidents where there might otherwise be none. One of the most important tests used by a mid-western laboratory we have read of, in predetermining the ability of candidates for truck-driving positions, is a test to find just how a sudden loud noise affects the subject. Those whom it affects least rate highest in this test. It is easy to see the advantage of deafness in this case, but we have yet to hear of the deaf being generally preferred as truck drivers.

Another well-known fact—although many insurance companies still fail to recognize it as such—is that a deaf person who uses his eyes in traversing heavy traffic is for the same reason probably safer than the average hearing person in such a situation.

Too many people drive with their accelerators and horns, trusting to the latter when brakes should be used. Too many cut in on blind curves or hilltops, trusting that the other fellow, if any is approaching, will hear the horn and get out of the way. Every deaf drivers that we ever rode with not only kept well to his own side of the road in such parts of the highway; but, in several cases, left a generous margin of safety in the center for in case the approaching driver took more than his share of the road. When drivers take such precautions, it is not surprising that their accidents are few; and, were horns generally banished, accidents caused by "horn-drivers" should follow into oblivion.

The experience of the English public, as well as the American deaf, goes to prove that the horn is quite probably unnecessary if not often a distinct menace. If the horn is finally outlawed as standard automobile equipment—which seems possible in view of certain caustic press comments—probably the last drawback towards allowing the deaf to operate automobiles, will go with it.—L. C. in West Virginia Tablet.

A Scientific Opinion

"Science," says a distinguished scholar, "must be candid, even at the expense of the essential probability of its own deductions." What this somewhat learned sentence means may be gathered from an instance of scientific candor.

A gentleman had bought a decorated vase which had been represented as an antique. After it had come into his possession he submitted it to an archaeologist to obtain his judgment as to its authenticity. The archaeologist examined it with great care, and made the following report:

"The painting of this vase bears every evidence of being very ancient, whereas the vase itself is undoubtedly modern."

St. Matthew's Lutheran Mission for the Deaf

ARTHUR BOLL, Pastor

192 Hewes Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Services for the deaf in sign-language every Sunday afternoon in the church, 177 South 9th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., at 3 P.M. The church is located near the Plaza of the Williamsburg Bridge on South 9th Street, between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street. Marcy Avenue is the nearest station on the Broadway Elevated.

Sunday School for the Deaf and instruction for adults in St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish House, at 145th and Convent Avenue, New York City, from 6:30 to 8 P.M.

The Capital City

After almost two weeks of real old-fashioned winter this city is now enjoying a break in the cold wave, even though it is promised to be temporary. Around eight inches of snow was on the ground Thursday and now almost all of it has been washed away by a day of continuous warm rain. We had a delightful white Christmas and also a white New Year, a combination we have seldom enjoyed in the past twenty years.

Calvert Street Bridge is now completed, dedicated and in full use the past month. A great parade was staged at its official opening. For waiting many years for this bridge, the wait was well justified for they first proposed an iron bridge to replace the old one and now there is a massive and beautiful million and a half dollar bridge.

The next on the city's improvement books now looks towards the southeast with the request for a new bridge at Pennsylvania Avenue over the Anacostia River and a new stadium at the end of East Capitol Street, also a bridge to cross over the Anacostia River from Capital Street. The Southeast Citizens Associations are all up in arms against so many improvements in the northwest the past twenty years and now are all together in demanding the southeast be given a little consideration with the tax money they pay.

Washington came sixty-first in the list of traffic fatalities in proportion with population during 1935—113 people were killed in traffic accidents in Washington for the past year as against 136 the year preceding.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean Edington, the wife of Mr. Wallace D. Edington, were held on Monday, December 9, that the Joseph Gawler Son's Chapel. Reverend W. S. Abernathy, of Calvary Baptist Church, read the burial services. Interment took place in Glenwood Cemetery. Roger O. Scott and R. Werdig acted as pallbearers, with four hearing friends of the family.

Mrs. Antonio Cicchino has returned to Washington after several month's visit to her native city Chicago, Ill., with her parents. Her daughter accompanied them and both are glad to be back with hubby and daddy.

The National Literary Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Northeast Masonic Temple on Wednesday, December 18th, 1935. President Smoak was in the chair. Two new members were admitted. Secretary Edington was detained by business, so Rev. H. L. Tracy became secretary-pro-tem. The following literary program arranged by Mr. Werdig was rendered: "The Prophet," Mr. Philip Hanover; "Roll Us or when the gong strikes three sides," Mr. James Dowell; "My Scrap Book," Mr. Werdig; "The Three Bears," Mesdames Cicchino and Dorsey and Messrs. Pucci and Curtis.

The next meeting of the society will be on Wednesday, January 15th, with Mr. Creed C. Quinley as master of ceremonies. Same place 8th and F, Northeast. All welcome.

Mr. Kenneth Nelson is the latest addition to the fast growing younger set of deaf people in Washington. He has secured work in one of the temporary government agencies.

On Tuesday morning, December 24th, Mr. James O. Amoss passed away in his 79th year. He was the beloved husband of the late Katie Amoss (*nee* Haldy), and father of Lillian Amoss Blondheim and Edna Amoss Duncan. His remains rested at the home of his daughter, Lillian, at 615 Quincey Street, Northwest, until Thursday, December 26th. Services and interment took place in Baltimore, Md., on Friday, December 27th, 1935.

On Tuesday, December 8th, the pulpit at Calvary Baptist Church was supplied by Prof. H. D. Drake, following a new plan of Rev. A. D.

Bryant to give each second Sunday of the month to different speakers. Prof. Drake's subject was Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and he read his text from the Bible that Thomas Gallaudet himself had often read. This Bible printed in 1897 is the property of the Gallaudet College Library and each of Prof. Drake's hearers had a chance to see and handle this Bible after the services. Two young ladies from Gallaudet College were present and one of them rendered the Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet poem.

The scheduled watch-night social under the auspices of Washington Division, No. 46, was at the last minute cancelled and promptly taken over by a set of young athletically inclined Frat members to try and raise some money for the basketball team they had formed. A clear profit of over forty dollars was realized by this set of hustling young men. Cards and various games whiled away the evening, with refreshments finishing the inneman.

The first meeting of 1936 of the Washington Division, No. 46, took place on Saturday, January 4th, because the regular meeting day fell on New Year's. A fair crowd was on hand and business went off as usual. New officers for the year were installed. The program committee of Messrs. Bernsdorff, Werdig and Quinley has mapped out a very heavy program of socials for the coming year, with the hope that old friends will come in and give the youngsters a boost.

Most of the chairmen selected are young and need every bit of encouragement that can be given. The first social, a Valentine social, has been planned for Saturday, February 15th, with Mr. John B. Davis as chairman. Pin that date in your hat and come and see what this young man has in store for us at Northeast Masonic Temple. The Bowling team, under the direction of Mr. J. B. Davis held a lengthy session after the regular Frat meeting to draft their rules and regulations for this coming year. Twenty players or five teams has been planned, all expenses to be borne by the players themselves.

Rev. H. L. Tracy recently made a 900-mile trip to St. Louis, Mo., to officiate at the marriage of his nephew, Mr. Howard Hofsteater, of Talladega, Ala., to Mrs. Marie Parker Davidson, of Fulton, Mo. The bride resigned her position in the Missouri School to take up her residence in Talladega, Ala., where her husband is employed in the State School for the Deaf.

The annual play at Gallaudet College will be held on February 7th, for the college students and Kendall Greeners, and on Saturday, February 8th, for those living in and near Washington. This change was made with the hopes that there will be more room for those who wished to get a better view of this year's play. The crowd was so great last year that many had to stand and could not see as well as they would like. This change may offset this, anyway Friday, February 7th, is for the college students and teachers; Saturday, February 8th, for the outsiders. All welcome, price has not yet been learned.

The annual Christmas party of the Calvary Baptist Church was held on Friday, December 20th, with all arrangements made by Miss Delma Dunn. A beautifully trimmed and electrically lighted tree added the Christmas touch needed. Rev. A. D. Bryant and several others gave short talks before Santa Claus Lowell arrived to shake hands with the youngsters and give each a bag of Christmas goodies. The grown-ups were not forgotten for they were provided with cakes and ice-cream, which hit the spot very well.

The Shiloh Baptist Church is still looking for some one to take the late Mr. John T. Flood's place as leader of the deaf department. Mr. James Dowell has put in his application for

their consideration, but so far nothing has been heard.

Mrs. Roy Stewart missed very much in not having her friend, Miss Harriet Hall of Fanwood, visit her during the Christmas holidays, Miss Hall being confined to her room with a bad cold.

Mr. Andrew Parker is still leading the life of a lonely grass widower, while his wife and two children are enjoying balmy weather in Miami, Fla., with Mrs. Hunter S. Edington. He expects them home soon, however. He has just finished having a new bathroom with shower installed in his cellar.

Mr. Olsen from England, was in Washington the first part of December looking for three of his old friends who have completely disappeared from his sight. He has traveled all over Canada, the United States and Mexico, in search of them without luck. The writer does not know the names of the three he seeks so cannot be of any assistance here.

One of the pleasant surprises of the New Year occurring in Washington, D. C., was the marriage of Mr. Alva L. Cuppy, of Indiana, and Miss Evelyn K. Krumm, of Montana, which was performed on January 1, at 3 P. M., by Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, Minister to the Deaf of Calvary Baptist Church, at his residence.

Mrs. Cuppy was educated at the Montana School for the Deaf and graduated from Gallaudet College in 1931. She is engaged in clerical work at the National Radio Institute.

Mr. Cuppy is a graduate of the Indiana School and matriculated for one year at the same college. He is expected to make Washington his permanent home as soon as he has secured a position here.

New Year's greetings to all the readers of this column and to the JOURNAL staff. May this year be far better than those preceding to each and every one of you.

ROBERT WERDIG.

January 5th.

Gas Kills Three in Brooklyn Home

Elmer J. Willets, 37 years old, a former boxer; his wife, Kate, 31, and their only child, Dolores, 7, were found dead of illuminating gas yesterday morning in their small flat on the top floor of a three-story frame building at 644 Fourth Avenue, near Eighteenth Street, Brooklyn.

Paper stuffed into the cracks of a door leading into a hallway at first led the police to believe the couple had committed suicide. Later the case was listed as accidental after detectives had been informed that the couple were deaf and that the paper served as insulation for an electric light signal system.

The family apparently had been dead for two days. The couple were last seen alive early on New Year's Eve by Mrs. Mary Maliszewski, owner of the building, who lives on the ground floor. She told the police that Willets went out early in the evening, leaving his wife and daughter alone.

Mrs. Maliszewski invited Mrs. Willets to join in a small celebration in her apartment. This she did, remaining until midnight, when her husband returned home.

The family was not seen again on Wednesday and Thursday and at 11:45 A. M. yesterday Mrs. Maliszewski's daughter investigated, climbing through a rear window.

In the kitchen gas was flowing from a jet on the stove and in an adjacent bedroom she discovered Mr. and Mrs. Willets dead in their beds. The body of the child was on a cot in the living room near a decorated Christmas tree.

The police said the door to the hallway had been wired so that a light flashed on in the living room when it was opened. Paper also was found stuffed in the cracks of several windows, but detectives said this was done as a protection against cold.—*N. Y. Times*, Jan. 2.

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511 West 148th Street, New York City.

Rev. GILBERT C. BRADDOCK, Vicar.

Church Services—Every Sunday at 4 P.M. Holy Communion at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. first Sunday of each month.

Office Hours—Morning, 10 to 12 Afternoon, 2 to 5. Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Charles B. Terry, Secretary, 511 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Lester Cahill, chairman of the Entertainments, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B.M.T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.

Meets second Sunday of each month except July and August, at the Hebrew Educational Society Building, Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Services and interesting speakers every Friday evening at 8:30 P.M., at the H. E. S. English Class, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 o'clock sharp, from September to May, at P. S. 150, Sackman and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Charles H. Klein, President; Michael Auerbach, Secy., 264 Montauk Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.

Temple Beth-El, 76th St., Cor. 5th Ave. Meets Third Sunday afternoon of the month.

Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 4 East 76th Street, New York City; or Arthur Kruger, Secretary, 941 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Athletic and other activities every Wednesday evening. Socials and movies First and Third Sunday evenings.

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George Lynch, President, 712 East 237th St., New York City.

Charles J. Spitaleri, Secretary, 241 East 113d St., New York City.

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For full information, write to either John P. Haff, President, 30-43 49th St., Astoria, L. I., or Frank J. Cunningham, Secretary, 685 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.

Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Thursday of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. Nathan Schwartz, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

Special Employment Service for the Deaf

In New York City three schools for the deaf, New York School, Lexington School and St. Joseph's School, maintain a Special Employment and Vocational Counseling Service for the Deaf. This service is in cooperation with the New York State Employment Service at 124 East 28th Street, New York City. Miss Margarette B. Helmle, the Special Representative, is in charge.

Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 12 A.M. and 2 to 4 P.M., also Fridays from 9 to 11 A.M., without appointment. Appointments may be made for other days by letter or telephone. If you are working and wish to talk about your job with Miss Helmle, she will be glad to see you after working hours, by appointment.

Miss Helmle will be glad to consult with any deaf person needing assistance in employment, work problems, vocational training advice, or any other problem you may wish to discuss with her. She may be able to help you settle misunderstandings and difficulties regarding your work, salary, or any other troubles that may need adjusting, so that you will be able to keep your job.

War Against a Tree-House

Among many reminiscences of his trading voyages in Polynesia, which old Capt. Elias Starbird of Sag Harbor told to his friends, was one that incidentally described the curious arboreal habitations of a tribes of Papuans. When Starbird encountered the tribe he was mate of the *Laura Hall*, a South Sea trading schooner, and was serving under his uncle, Capt. Titus Starbird, who has long since sailed into the sailor's last haven.

For several successive years the *Laura Hall* had come to anchor off a certain beach on the south shore of the great Geelvink Bay, in the north of New Guinea. On this beach, near the mouth of a river called the Rubi, lived a tribe that practised pearl-fishing. The native name of the beach was Arope, and that was the name of the tribe, too. They took pearl oysters from a bay inside a long, sandy point which separated it from the mouth of the river.

As no other trader had visited these people, Captain Titus was able to carry away eight or ten thousand dollars' worth of pearls every season in exchange for a few bolts of cloth, knives and cheap trinkets. For this reason he wished to keep the Arope "steady" in their primitive habits, and would not sell them rum or firearms, lest they should become embroiled with neighboring tribes, with whom, as a rule, they were now living in peace. The old captain's policy was a species of paternalism, wholly selfish at bottom, yet benignant in its effects.

This one-sided commerce went on pleasantly until one season when the *Laura Hall* came to anchor off Arope, and found that misfortune had befallen the natives. Most of their grass huts had been burned, and more than half of the good-natured brown folks—including the old chief Boe's three sons—had been killed. Boe himself, loudly lamenting his bereavements, managed to make Captain Titus understand that he and his people had been attacked by the Tarube, a tribe that lived a day's journey up the river Rubi.

Old Boe described the fighting by graphic signs and gestures, while tears flowed freely from his eyes. Never was anybody more sympathetic than Capt. Titus Starbird. Indeed, he almost wept when he learned that the invaded people had found no time to fish up any pearls for him. Moreover, the outlook for the future was bad. Old Boe expected nothing less than that the Tarube would soon come upon him again, and drive the remnant of his people into the sea.

The chief depicted the Tarube as terrible fighters who shot unerring arrows from powerful bows, and who lived in huts of a singular kind. Boe tried to explain the construction of these huts, but the Americans could not understand what his signs and words meant, though it was plain that they had some reference to trees.

"Pearl trade's completely busted," said Captain Titus to his mate and nephew, Elias.

"Tis unless we bust the Tarube and set up the Arope again," said Elias.

"It'd be unchristian to make war on 'em," said Captain Titus.

"It'd be unchristianer to let 'em come and murder our friends."

"Then there's the pearls," said Captain Titus, cheering up.

"Certainly—we've got to protect commerce," said Elias.

The upshot of this talk was that the Starbirds encouraged old Boe to collect his remaining brown fellows for war, and on the following day a union expedition set off up the Rubi in seven canoes. There were Captain Titus himself, his mate Elias, and four sailors from the *Laura Hall* in company with Boe and eighteen of his tribesmen.

The canoes were odd craft, each hollowed out from the trunk of a large tree. Although they were so shaped

as to be anything but fast boats, yet the brown, frizz-headed Arope were able to paddle and pole them at a good rate through the water. By midafternoon they had almost reached the Tarube village without having seen anything of the enemy.

At that place the river-bank, which had hitherto looked like a continuous jungle, had been cleared of underbrush on the west side. Here stood a spare grove of large trees that had enormous gray trunks three feet in diameter, and rose forty or fifty feet, like pillars, before the first huge branches outgrew. The broad tops formed a dense canopy of green leaves that shaded the ground beneath and gave a singularly sombre aspect to the scene.

Opposite the grove several canoes were drawn up at the waterside. As soon as the invaders came in sight a great tumult arose, and a mob of Tarube came racing and yelling along the bank. The dialects of the two tribes were not greatly dissimilar; hence Boe replied in kind to the shouts of the Tarube, and told them that his friends and allies, the powerful white shipmen, had come to kill them all with thunder and lightning!

These cheerful tidings were received with howls of incredulous defiance, and the Tarube began hostilities, as Captain Titus had reckoned they would.

"Let 'em," he said. "Puts us in the right. Of course we've got to fight if we're molested."

The Tarube shot flights of arrows which whizzed unpleasantly close, even at a distance of a hundred yards, whereupon Captain Titus discharged his piece, loaded with swan-shot, at the Tarube chief, Gutsu. This gentleman seemed more scared than hurt, for he fled vigorously and howled dizzily, together with most of his men. No doubt some of the pellets had pattered severely on his brown hide.

The Americans then witnessed a droll spectacle, for the Tarube men, women and children ran to the trees, and began climbing up the great trunks by means of grass ropes and notches hacked in the thick bark.

The scratching noise made by their bare toes was immensely diverting to the sailors. Groups of six or eight, at a dozen different trees, were clambering up at once with such agility that all had gained the tree-tops in half a minute.

As the eyes of the spectators followed the dusky climbers, they saw that each tree-top had a hut in it, built of poles and bark on platforms of cross poles which were lashed athwart the great branches. Each family had its tree and its hut of a size sufficient to shelter ten persons or more. The huts seen from below resembled enormous crow's-nests.

It is likely, indeed, that the Tarube had derived their ideas of tree houses from the birds. Perched in these airy habitations, they were secure from the attacks of other tribes; for none of the native of New Guinea then possessed implements capable of felling the great trees.

From the ground below the whites

opened fire on the huts with small shot, but as the natives kept out of sight, little injury was inflicted. Naturally the Tarube soon became less afraid of the reports and smoke of the firearms. From this and that tree arrows began to be discharged, and heavy round stones hurled with great force. The huts were so high and so well-sheltered that it was not easy to shoot even swan-shot through them, and Captain Titus was very reluctant to use bullets.

Finding that they would not be able to effect much with their shot-guns, Captain Starbird fell back on his Yankee ingenuity. A stratagem had occurred to him, but for carrying it out he needed one of the ship's augers. So he withdrew his forces to the other side of the Rubi River and camped for the night.

Meantime two of the Arope were sent back to the bay in a canoe,

carrying with them a message written on a smooth chip of wood which they were bidden to take to the schooner. The message ordered the carpenter to come up the river and fetch his three-inch auger, draw-knife and four pounds of gunpowder.

During the night a good many Tarube descended from their huts and proved somewhat noisy and aggressive, bawling threats and defiance to the strangers. Toward morning one of them ventured so near that he was captured by the Arope, who would have put him to torture but for the remonstrance of the whites.

The two Arope canoemen made such good time on the river that the carpenter and his tools reached Captain Titus at a little before noon next day, and he at once proceeded to develop his Yankee mode of attack. He and the carpenter with six men advanced upon the foe. To protect themselves from the arrows and the stones which the Tarube would shower down from the treetops, they carried one of the large canoes bottom upward over their heads.

Under this shield Captain Titus and his little party approached the foot of the very largest tree which, the Arope declared, contained the house of the Tarube chief. The sailors held the canoe slantwise against the trunk so as to shelter their bodies and the carpenter began boring a hole in the tree-trunk, while the Tarube, who had no idea of the captain's design, howled derisively and hurled down stones and offal.

The captain and the carpenter continued to ply the auger until they had made a hole two or three feet in depth. Into this they put a pound or more of gunpowder, and then a stout long plug with a groove cut in it to carry priming. A little fire of whittlings from the plug was then lighted, so placed that it would, as it burned, communicate fire to the priming powder.

Then the attacking party beat a retreat with their canoe over their heads. The priming failed for the time to ignite, however, and they were obliged to return with a larger stock of whittlings. Meantime the natives in the tree-tops, who were watching the apparently futile attempts to burn down the big tree, hooted anew with great scorn and laughter.

This time the priming ignited as the party retreated. Instantly the tree-trunk was rent asunder in the middle with a loud crash, and so shattered at the butt that the tree toppled slowly over against another, off which it gradually rolled sidewise, and fell ponderously to the ground.

Its fall, Captain Starbird declares, was an impressive spectacle; for as the mighty mass of branches rolled off the other tree, the tree-house and platform were shattered to pieces and fell out. But the chief and his entire household had contrived to save themselves by climbing out of the falling tree into that against which it had toppled. Sheets of bark, poles, boughs, all came whirling down together. It is likely that the fall from so great a height would have killed most of the inhabitants had they not escaped with such agility. Now they wept and wailed in this other tree.

Indeed, lamentation came from the entire grove, while Boe and his Arope eagerly besought Captain Titus to proceed with their novel warfare. The captain and his carpenter therefore moved forward under their canoe, to bore and mine a second tree. But now a most lugubrious outcry, like the howling of scores of whipped dogs, descended. Looking up, the whites

saw the Tarube, men and women, extending their hands imploringly down from the margins of the platforms begging for mercy. The fate of their chief and his family had struck terror to their souls.

Of course the hearts of the Americans were touched, and they were glad to escape bloodshed. But Boe and his fellows would have blasted

down every tree, and slaughtered the Tarube to the last piccaninny.

"No," said Captain Starbird, "we've learned 'em enough for one time, I calcilate."

Then he bade Boe call out to the Tarube, and say that if ever, in future, they should presume to molest the Arope, the white shipmen would return with "thunder" and blow down every house-tree of the village.

With this gentle admonition the whites went away, leaving the Tarube still bewailing their punishment.

On three successive years thereafter, the *Laura Hall* returned to Arope beach and obtained pearls; but on the fourth visit Captain Titus found the beach deserted and most of the huts in ruins. Many human bones and a number of skulls lay about, but whether Boe and his people had been murdered by the Tarube, or had fallen victims to some malignant epidemic, Captain Starbird was unable to determine.

"Mebby we didn't larn them Tarube folks half-enough," he said, ruefully; "but anyhow, I'm glad I didn't shed no blood that time, 'specially as I'd heard 'bout another beach where the natives were just as innercent as these was."

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NEW YORK CITY

H. A. D.

Every direction in Greater New York will lead to Warner Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 11th, for on that day a splendid entertainment program will be on tap, together with graceful exhibitions of dancing, under auspices of Hebrew Association of the Deaf. The title of this affair is Charity Ball, being twenty-ninth annual since the establishment of the organization.

Considerable time and effort have been expended by the Ball Committee, under the dynamic leadership of Lester Cohen, to make the night a very pleasant one for everybody. Special attention must be called to the fact that the affair is staged expressly to raise funds to aid the needy during Passover, so the committee pledges, and stakes its reputation, that not a penny above expenses shall go to the association treasury.

The committee desires to inform those planning to attend the ball that, thanks to persistent "follow-up" methods of its members, aid has finally been obtained from Mr. Weisbord, one of New York's celebrated vaudeville agents, who on being told the purpose of the ball, pledged wholeheartedly to insure the success of the committee's efforts in regard to producing the best entertainment. As part of his own personal donation, he has arranged at a very remarkable concession, several acts—all fast, exciting, inspiring—fit for the deaf's mental and optical enjoyment.

Nor is this all, for what a happy reunion it certainly shall be! Meeting friends from various places; renewing old acquaintances and exchanging or recalling incidents which ought to animate us men and women into "children" once more! And to listen to the music while dancing with our pretty ladies. So, cut out our advertisement on last page of this JOURNAL and paste it in your hat. Remember the place: Warner Memorial Hall, 138th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue; the date: Saturday evening, January 11th.

With only five players—Shafran, Polinsky, Streicher, Grossman and Benowitz—the H. A. D. quintet played a great game and lost to the Bainbridge Club at Fordham on Sunday afternoon, December 29th. The contest, which kept the onlookers on their feet from start to finish, ended with the score of 33 to 28. Polinsky, former star player of the Lexington School team, which won the Eastern States Schools for the Deaf tournament in 1934, played a bang-up game. He is the sparkplug of the team's defense and offense, and without him, the H. A. D. Five would be seriously crippled. Three of the star players, Kessler, Nuch, and Weller did not show up.

The H. A. D. Five is looking forward to playing a big game with the New Jersey Shore Silent Five at Odd Fellows Hall, Brooklyn on Saturday evening, January 25, 1936, under the auspices of the Ephpheta Society.

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ST. ANN'S NOTES

On Saturday evening, January 18th, the ladies of the Woman's Parish Aid Society are presenting an "Advertising Tableaux" entertainment on the stage in St. Ann's Guild House, at 8:30 o'clock. Admission 35 cents, for the General Fund. Free samples and recipe books will be given away.

The Men's Club and the Woman's Parish Aid Society will hold their regular meetings on Thursday, January 16th, at 8:15 P.M. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

A Literary and Card Party will be held on Thursday evening, January 23d, at 8:15 P.M. There will be no charge for admission.

The Men's Club is planning a Dinner in the Guild House on Saturday evening, February 1st. All members of the parish, ladies and gentlemen, are invited to join in the festivities. Make your reservations of Dr. Edwin W. Nies, chairman.

Mr. David Olsen was a visitor at the headquarters of the H. A. D. on Sunday evening, January 5th. He lives in London, England, and is "Seeing America" on a vacation.

Mr. Simon Mundheim, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died last week in the Jefferson Hospital at Philadelphia, from a tumor on the brain. He was in a coma for the last three weeks. Mr. Mundheim was 56 year old, and was engaged in the jewelry business with Chas. Sanford.

The two children of Paul Di Anno returned to Marblehead, Mass., on January 5th, after enjoying the holidays in New York City after an absence of four years.

IRVING GORDON

Mr. and Mrs. H. Plapinger have returned from a southern cruise which included stops at Miami, Fla., Havana, Cuba and Nassau, Bahamas. While at Miami, they were guests of the Schatzkins and were royally entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lazarus were surprised with a party on Saturday, December 14th, at Dodes Restaurant on 47th Street, in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary. There were thirty-four friends present, and the affair was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arnowich.

The mother of E. J. Sherwood died on December 30th, from stomach trouble. She was 53 years old.

Miss Ione Dibble enjoyed a vacation trip to Jacksonville, Fla., during the holidays.

The Fanwood Alumni Association will hold its January meeting at the N. Y. School for the Deaf on Saturday evening, January 11th.

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